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- 25X1X 1. In late 1945 the troops under General von Seydlitz were in direct supervision of and in charge of the housing and feeding of German PWs engaged in the reconstruction of the Stalingrad area. They wore Soviet uniforms, spoke Russian, and attended courses designed for the indoctrination of PWs. Discussions held for PWs were not very well attended.
2. In ^{the} last third of 1946, "specialists" and former Communist Party members among PWs were invited to join the Seydlitz troops provided they signed for five, ten, or fifteen-year periods, during which time they would be subject to Soviet laws. On the completion of their military service, candidates were promised treatment as Soviet citizens, free selection of their place of residence, and "all privileges of the Soviet State." Source alleges that 3,000 were invited to join but that only 300 accepted. [Redacted] Comment: [Redacted] for a report [Redacted] concerning a campaign in September 1946 for the voluntary enlistment in the regular Soviet Army of German PWs who held the Ritterkreuz and similar decorations).

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